

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
2 TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE A STUDY OF THE PUBLIC
3 SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS.
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5 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 WHEREAS, the current public school funding formula was enacted in 1994
7 and implemented in the 1994-95 school year; and

8 WHEREAS, the current formula did not contemplate a variety of differ-
9 ent learning modalities, the increasing mobility of students and the state's
10 move toward mastery-based education; and

11 WHEREAS, the evolving needs of exceptional and at-risk students make
12 this an appropriate time for the state to review how the current funding for-
13 mula meets the educational needs of these student populations; and

14 WHEREAS, the current formula should be evaluated to assess the level of
15 predictability and stability that are needed by school districts in order to
16 efficiently and effectively budget and educate students; and

17 WHEREAS, the Governor's Task Force for Improving Education recommended
18 a change to the public school funding formula from Average Daily Attendance
19 (ADA) to Average Daily Enrollment/Membership; and

20 WHEREAS, a Public School Funding Subcommittee of the Governor's Task
21 Force concluded that rather than focus solely on funding based on attendance
22 or enrollment, the entire formula needs a thorough review.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-
24 sion of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and
25 the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to
26 appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of and make recommenda-
27 tions for the state's public school funding formula. The Legislative Coun-
28 cil shall determine the number of legislators and membership from each house
29 appointed to the committee and shall authorize the committee to receive in-
30 put, advice and assistance from interested and affected parties who are not
31 members of the Legislature.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Public Instruction
33 and another member of the Idaho State Board of Education shall serve as vot-
34 ing non-legislative members of the committee.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that non-legislative, voting or nonvoting mem-
36 bers of the committee may be appointed by the cochairs of the committee who
37 are appointed by the Legislative Council. Non-legislative members of the
38 advisory committee shall not be reimbursed from legislative funds for per
39 diem, mileage or other expenses.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Services Office, Office of
41 the State Board of Education including the Public Charter School Commission,
42 State Department of Education, Office of the Governor and Division of Finan-
43 cial Management shall provide staff support to the committee.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall report its findings,
2 recommendations and proposed legislation, if any, to the First Regular Ses-
3 sion of the Sixty-fourth Idaho Legislature.